

REMARKS

New independent Claim 43 defines the invention as an apparatus for illuminating an interior of a building including a roof having a hole formed therethrough. The apparatus includes a roof tile that is adapted to be supported on a roof of a building. The roof tile includes an upper surface having a shape and defining a plane. A panel is connected to the roof tile and includes an opaque tile having an opening formed therethrough and a light transmissive element that extends across the opening. The opaque tile has an upper surface that is substantially identical in shape to the shape of the upper surface of the roof tile and lies in the plane defined by the roof tile. Lastly, a light directing duct is supported on the panel and is adapted to extend through a hole on the roof of the building for directing light from the light transmissive element of the panel to an interior of a building.

None of the art of record shows or suggests these structures. Specifically, the Witzig, Jr. reference does not show or suggest the combination of a roof tile and a panel connected to the roof tile and including an opaque tile having an opening formed therethrough and a light transmissive element that extends across the opening, wherein the opaque tile has an upper surface that is substantially identical in shape to the shape of the upper surface of the roof tile and lies in the plane defined by the roof tile. Thus, it is believed that the new claims of record clearly define the invention over the art of record.

Respectfully submitted,



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